

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission

DATE: September 12, 2001

RE: Notice of Workshop: Commission Competition Data Collection and Annual Report to the General Assembly

Section 13-407 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/13-407) directs that "The Commission shall monitor and analyze patterns of entry and exit and changes in patterns of entry and exit for each relevant market for telecommunications services, including emerging high speed telecommunications markets, and shall include its findings ... in its annual report to the General Assembly." Within Section 13-407 the General Assembly has outlined detail the Commission is required, at a minimum, to consider in its evaluation. In order to complete this analysis the General Assembly has directed the Commission to collect information from firms providing telecommunications services within the State.

The appropriate timing, scope, organization and conduct of a Commission evaluation of competitive conditions in Illinois telecommunications markets are significant issues for the telecommunications industry in Illinois, and the Commission would benefit from hearing the opinions and proposals of all interested parties concerning these issues. Accordingly, Staff will host workshops open to all interested parties to explore and address fully these issues. The first such meeting will take place on September 25, 2001 10:00 am - 4:00 pm CDT in the Commission's offices at 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. Any interested party unable to attend at this location may dial into an audio bridge on 1-877-864-2794(passcode 7324088).

Staff has prepared, for discussion purposes, a draft data request in Excel format, available on the Commission website. For more information please contact Jim Zolnierek at (217)524-5073 or jzolnier@icc.state.il.us.